Public Service

Employment of women in Government departments.

* 479 *Q.*—Mr. M. Devadasan: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) in how many departments of the Government women are being employed;

(*b*) whether the Government have under consideration any proposal to employ women in other departments; and

(*c*) what the rules are for selecting women for Government service?

A.—(*a*) Women are being employed in a number of posts in the Educational, Medical, Fisheries, Jails and Labour departments and in some stray posts in the Public Health, Agricultural, Police and Judicial departments and in the offices of the Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends, and the Stipend Pay Office, Vellore, and in the Government House Dispensary.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the special rules for the various services under the control of this Government which are printed in the Madras Services Manual, Volumes I and II, copies of which are available in the Secretariat library.

Mr. M. Devadasan:—" I find in the answer that ladies are appointed to ' some stray posts in the Public Health, Agricultural, Police and Judicial departments.' May I know what is the kind of ' stray posts ' to which ladies are appointed in these departments? "

The Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter:—" Yes, stray posts—here and there (Laughter)."

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—" May I ask, Sir, the reasons why they are appointed only to these stray posts and not to others. Is it because a sufficient number of applications is not forthcoming or due to any other cause? "

The Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter:—" I have no information."

Administration of Justice

Proposal to provincialize the service of Official Receivers.

* 480 *Q.*—Mr. G. Rameswara Rao: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government contemplate the idea of making Official Receivers provincial servants on a permanent pay; and

(*b*) if so, when that proposal is likely to come into effect?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Proposals as to the best method of recruitment to the post of Official Receivers and the conditions governing the service are under consideration.

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Mr. G. Simhachalam Pantulu:—"The answer says: 'Proposals as to the best method of recruitment to the post of official receivers' are under consideration. May I know what the best method of recruitment is that is now under consideration?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu:—"That is yet to be determined."

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—"May I know whether the Government will appoint one lawyer for every taluk instead of appointing one for the whole of a district?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu:—"That won't be practicable."

Mr. G. Simhachalam Pantulu:—"Do the Government contemplate provincializing these posts of official receivers and giving them a permanent pay?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu:—"That is the very question now under consideration, on which no decision has yet been come to."

Diwan Bahadur T. A. Ramalingam Chettiyar:—"Do the Government know that in most of the districts as the official receivers are not full-time persons, there is very great delay in the disposal of insolvency matters?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu:—"That is also one of the matters under consideration."

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—"Why not the Government consider the appointment of one man for each munsif's court or sub-court, instead of appointing one man for a district, so that the work may be facilitated and quick disposal of cases may be assured?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu:—"The matter is rather difficult, Sir."

Mr. K. Koti Reddi:—"In view of the possibility of corruption if one man is made to remain in the same place for a long time as official receiver, will the Government consider the desirability of making this a transferable post, i.e., munsifs can be transferred as official receivers, official receivers can be transferred as munsifs, etc.?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu:—"In working out a good scheme, that suggestion will be considered."

Inadequacy of the accommodation for parties attending the District Munsif's and District Judge's Courts at Salem.

* 481 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that parties are huddling up in the court verandas in the District Munsif's and District Judge's Courts at Salem for want of sufficient waiting sheds for them in the premises of the said courts; and

(*b*) what remedy the Government propose to make to get over the difficulty?